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Dear Ms. McAlhany:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Department of Energy's (DOE) Surplus Plutonium Disposition Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) (CEQ # 20120244). DOE is engaged in a program to dispose of U.S. surplus, weapons-usable plutonium in a safe, secure, and environmentally sound manner, by converting such plutonium into proliferation-resistant forms. DOE has determined disposition paths for most of this surplus plutonium based on the following NEPA analyses: 1) 1996 Storage and Disposition of Weapons- Usable Fissile Materials Programmatic EIS; 2) 1998 Supplement Analysis for Storing Plutonium in the Actinide Packaging and Storage Facility and Building 105-K at the Savannah River Site; 3) 1999 Surplus Plutonium Disposition EIS; and 4) the Supplement analysis Storage of Surplus Plutonium Materials in the K-Area Material Storage Facility at the Savannah River Site. This supplemental EIS updates the previous analyses and evaluates four alternative pathways to dispose of 13.1 metric tons of surplus plutonium for which DOE has not yet made a disposition decision.

Based on our review of the document and the above information, EPA does not object to the proposed action and has rated the draft SEIS as "Lack of Objections" (LO).

We appreciate the opportunity to review the draft SEIS. The staff contact for the review is Marthea Rountree and she can be reached at (202) 564-7141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan E. Bromm", followed by a horizontal line.

Susan E. Bromm
Director
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